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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/665,947	Applicant(s) PALLER, HANS	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/3/05, 3/28/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-22, 25 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 23, 24 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The Examiner acknowledges applicant's RCE filed 2/3/05. Claims 1-28 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 2, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat. 6894252. (US'252)

The applied reference has a common inventor with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Referring to Fig. 1, US'252 discloses a rack oven with an air flow passage 46 from the heat exchanger section to the rack receiving section, causing air to flow along the top wall including a rear portion of the rack receiving section, toward an opposite side of the rack receiving section before turning toward the rack near the side opposite the heat exchanger section, and water supply means 42 for steam generation.

Claims 1, 2, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art in US'252. Referring to Figs. 8A and 8B, the admitted prior art discloses a rack oven with an air flow passage 206 from the heat exchanger section to the rack receiving section, causing air to flow along a wall portion of the rack receiving section, before turning toward the rack near the side opposite the heat exchanger section, and steam supply means.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US'252 or the admitted prior art in US'252.

Claim 28 recites only a rotating rack, which is obvious over US'252, or the admitted prior art in US'252, because such were well known means to enhance heating uniformity in the field of proofing ovens.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-22, 25, and 26 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M. Pelham whose telephone number is 571-272-4786. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JOSEPH PELHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER